Reply of Government.—Vide reply to Subject No. 71.

SUBJECT No. 78.

Earthwork to minor tanks.

Messrs. B. Alasingrachar and Doddapayanna, Hassan taluk.

Summary of discussion.—According to existing rules the Government share of masonry work is sanctioned in the case of minor tanks, after the raiyats have completed the earthwork. As such a procedure entails delay, deterioration in the condition of the tanks increases. To obviate the existing difficulty, it is prayed that Government may undertake to do both the earth and masonry works, the cost of earthwork being recovered from the raiyats concerned as a contribution as in the case of major tanks.

Reply of Government.—Vide reply to Subject No. 71.

SUBJECT No. 79.

Allotment for minor tank works.

Messrs. Gundappa, Kunigal taluk and Madar Sab, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The allotment made for minor tank works is very poor. It is prayed that a sum of two lakhs of rupees more might be sanctioned.

Reply of Government.—Vide reply to Subject No. 71.

SUBJECT No. 80.

Recovery of the cost of earthwork to minor tanks.

Messrs. G. Sivaramaiya, Srikantaiya and Narayana Setty, Maddagiri taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The responsibility for earthwork to minor tanks rests with the raiyats. If they fail to do it, the cost of doing the same is recovered from them. Owing to bad seasons, the raiyats are unable to pay such contributions in a lump. It is prayed that these amounts may be included in the accounts as an annual demand and recovered as land revenue.

Reply of Government.—Vide reply to Subject No. 71.

SUBJECT No. 81.

Raising the waste weirs of tanks.

Messrs. G. Sivaramaiya, Srikantiah and Narayana Setty, Maddagiri taluk; H. Gundappa, Kunigal taluk; Agali Venkataramaiya, Sira taluk and Anantarajappa, Tumkur District Board.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Enormous sums of money are being spent for the construction of tanks all over the State. In maidan districts, though major tanks discharge more than once in a year, it is not possible to raise even one crop on their entire atchkat. It is therefore requested that the waste weirs of the said tanks be raised early to afford facilities for the storages of the required supply of water. The deputation of a special Engineer to investigate this question was promised, but no action seems to have been taken in the matter yet.

(*b*) Major and minor tanks are silted up and do not impound water sufficient for the whole atchkat. The *kodis* of such tanks may kindly be raised. If this is not possible, the atchkat may be reduced and dry assessment collected.

Tanks, at present, do not hold water sufficient to raise a single crop. They should be restored so as to hold enough water for their atchkats, and to prevent them from getting silted up soon sluices at a higher level should be constructed.